



**WENTWORTH FALLS**  
Chamber of Commerce and Community (Inc.)

## Voice of our Community Update. Summer 2019

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### Summary of regular Meeting Minutes held on November 4, 2019

**CCTV and Draft Policy** – It was proposed that those businesses which provide electric power to the controllers for the functioning of the CCTV in Wentworth Falls Village be provided contra business membership of the WFCC&C Inc for the duration of the time that power is provided. This action was taken in view of the high cost of battery replacement for the solar powered system. Three cameras need replacing at a cost of about \$100-\$140 each. There is an ongoing issue of the financial costs of maintaining the CCTV system. Change of ownership of United Security, the system installers, has resulted in increased prices for maintenance and we will consider alternatives to Unified Security. There are financial issues for maintenance of CCTV at Blaxland and Springwood Chambers as well.

**Pedestrian Safety on Rail Bridge, Station Street, Wentworth Falls** – The petition can be accessed through: <http://chnng.it/n5CpjFVhhV> or through the WFCC&C Inc website [www.wentworthfalls.org.au](http://www.wentworthfalls.org.au). Please paste the site of the petition on your Facebook page and/or email to your friends in Wentworth Falls. We need as many signatures as possible to push Council to act on this safety issue as soon as possible. Information re petition has been sent to our three local schools. Hard copy of petition was at the recent memorabilia sales stall.

**MCCC and Mayoral Business Reference Group** – Aged housing and floor space ratio in Wentworth Falls shopping precinct were discussed at the Mayoral Reference Group. Lew Hird will contribute to a submission to BMCC on behalf of MCCC in regard to the Draft Strategic Planning Statement. LH will also write a submission on behalf of WFCC&C Inc. All members have been encouraged to write a submission. The following forecast statistics for 2036 were included in the Draft Strategic Planning Statement:

- One in four residents in Blue Mountains LGA will be over 65.
- 60% of residents will be individuals or couples living alone without children.

In view of these statistics it should be noted that

- 92% of current dwellings are in the form freestanding houses and do not cater for the aged, couples living alone, single parent families or affordable housing and only 8% of the housing stock is medium density.

In the Draft Statement BMCC wants exemption from low rise medium density SEPP. This is counterproductive to the provision of housing which is suitable for future demographic trends. The LEP to would need to be changed to accommodate these future demographic trends and the associated housing requirements. However, BMCC wants to retain 1,200 square metre blocks to maintain the character of the Blue Mountains. It was pointed out to BMCC at the Mayoral Reference Group meeting that character can be achieved by planting of streetscapes and the proper maintenance of these particularly along tourist routes.

**Objectives of WFCC&C Inc. and updated Wentworth Falls Village Brochure** – A six-page, A5 sized brochure promoting Wentworth Falls and associated businesses is currently in the design stage. Limited advertising space exists within the brochure and financial members will be invited to advertise their businesses in the coming weeks. Advertising rates will be set at \$330.00 for a one quarter page (5 of which are internal) and \$660.00 for a half page (2 of which will be on the back cover). The brochure will be printed annually and distributed to financial members of WFCC&C. Please register your interest to advertise.

**Christmas dinner** – Lew Hird is gathering numbers for a Wentworth Falls Chamber of Commerce & Community Christmas dinner to be held on Monday, December 9 at Canton Palace. Please feel free to contact Lew if you would like to join in on this festive gathering.

**Farewell and Good Luck** – The best wishes of the WFCC&C Inc go to Ike and Jette Sorensen who are leaving the mountains to retire. Ike has been ill of late and we wish him every best wish for a full recovery and a long and happy retirement with Jette.



*A very merry and safe  
Christmas and Happy and  
Prosperous New Year to all  
our members*

**The next quarterly meeting** is due to be held on Monday, February 3 at 6.00pm. Venue TBC.

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